

\$1,000 an acre. Now there isn't any land in Boyd County that I know of that's selling for a \$1,000 an acre. It kind of makes you wonder just how important this little purchase is. That type of land right around the area is probably worth a little closer to \$300 an acre than it is to \$1,000 an acre. To me, it smacks of impropriety just the fact that that many dollars have been offered for this thing. Also, when we talk about the message we're sending to people involved, we're sending a message to the whole State of Nebraska, not just the people in Boyd County, and we're also sending a message out there to US Ecology and to the compact. What better PR thing would the compact have if they were to come back here with a piece of legislation that says that Nebraska has taken title to this piece of land. Why not just not pass this legislation rather than pass it and then come back and have to change it when the license application is denied, a process that I feel very confidently is going to happen. This piece of legislation just doesn't have to be here and I object to it being here. I know the people that I represent do. If you look at the statement that came out of committee, you will find all the testimony in opposition to this piece of legislation. It just isn't good policy for our body to put this on the people of this state, of Boyd County and of the compact and US Ecology. Let's not pass this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Morrissey, for further discussion.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President, and members, again, folks, it doesn't say that the license is issued, or license submitted, or license approved, excuse me. It says if the application received meets the requirements necessary for licensure. In other words, they have compared it to other sites. They have jumped through all the hoops in this licensing process and that application meets the requirements. The Governor has said that the license review will not take place until October, at the earliest. So there is absolutely no need this session for us to do something like this. Again, this is premature. We can easily handle it next session. If indeed we need to handle it before the fact, there is absolutely no reason to take possession of this land before we have the other states guaranteeing that, yes, indeed, they will have...they will give us shared state liability for LB 837...I believe I said LB 827 earlier, but 837, and again I will remind you of the discussions we had last year, the comments by the compact that they just may